

or block are divided into at least one category, and flags representing the presence or absence of said register point data are given to each category of each area or block;

a search means for searching each category of said register points existing within a predetermined limit on the basis of said reference position input by said input means by referring to said flags representing the presence or absence of said register point data in said information storage means; and

a display means for displaying each category with flags representing the presence of the register points searched by said searching means.

16. (Amended) A navigation system, comprising:

an input means for inputting information for searching register points;

an information storage means for storing register point data, wherein said register point data are divided into an area or block and said register point data in each area or block are divided into at least one category and flags representing the presence or absence of said register point data are given to each category of each area or block;

a search means for searching each category of said register points belonging to each area or block input by said input means by referring to said flags representing the presence or absence of said register point data in said information storage means; and

a display means for displaying each category with flags representing the presence of the register points searched by said searching means.

17. (Amended) A navigation system, comprising:

an input means for inputting information for searching register points;

an information storage means for storing register point data, wherein said register point data are divided into at least one category and said register point data in each category are assigned to an area or block and flags representing the presence or absence of said register point data are given to each area or block of each category;